

# THE PILOT.



PLYMOUTH, INDIANA.

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## The Plymouth Pilot

Is before you, kind reader, how do like it? It comes not to you on mammoth wings, like some of its cotemporaries, but brings you, we trust, although not so much, at least a history of passing events, as welcome to your taste, (editorials excepted) as those furnished you by its larger brethren.

"But, says one: 'Stranger, what's your Politics?' We reply: they are Democratic; of the Jeffersonian and Jackson school. Our 'Democracy' is not to be appalled, corrupted or compromised. It knows no baseness, it cowers to no danger, it oppresses no weakness. Destructive only of despotism, it is the sole conservator of liberty, labor, and property. It is the sentiment of freedom, of equal rights, of equal obligations—the law of nature pervading the law of the land."

Firm though we be, in the Cause we have espoused, we shall never descend to that abuse of our opponents in Opinion which is too often resorted to by partisan Presses—conceiving that such abuse not only fails to convince, but engenders a bitterness of feeling, that should no more attend our political differences in opinion, than our social relations in society.

The *Telegraph*, now in operation here, will afford us superior advantages in giving the very latest news; our *Exchange* list is large, affording us a wide field from whence to glean much news of interest to our readers.

Our *Press* is in fine order—our Type new and of large variety. With these facilities, and a determination to render the "Plymouth Pilot" interesting to every class of readers—a first rate Family Paper—and a zealous advocate of all that may tend to promote the interests of our town, and of Marshall County, generally, we respectfully solicit public patronage.

## Supposed Murder.

The inhabitants of Rochester, and vicinity, in the adjoining county of Fulton, were thrown into a state of great excitement, on Wednesday last, by the discovery of the dead body of Mr. Arnold Perry, in the woods near his residence, about four miles from Rochester. Shortly afterwards, suspicion arose that he had been foully murdered, and by Jackson Clemens—a nephew of the deceased—who was living with him—and who, as we are informed, was to fall heir to a large portion of Mr. Perry's property. Clemens, when first arrested, denied all knowledge of his uncle's death, but now confesses that he shot him, but done so accidentally. His statements on the subject are very contradictory. He is now confined in the jail at Rochester.

Mr. Perry was a bachelor—aged about 45 years—and a highly esteemed citizen. This statement is furnished us by a gentleman living in Rochester. We refrain from further particulars, as the affair, of course, will undergo the proper legal investigation.

## Melancholy Accident.

It becomes our painful duty this week to announce the death of Mr. MICHAEL L. BAILEY, a highly esteemed resident of Polk township, in this county, who, on Wednesday last, while driving his wagon a short distance from his residence, was instantly killed by the falling of a tree. Mr. B. formerly resided in Cincinnati—aged about 56 years.—He leaves a wife to lament his loss.—May we improve the lesson which his sudden death teaches us, "That in the midst of life we are in death!"

Cincinnati papers will confer a favor by copying the above.

HON. JAMES WHITCOMB will accept our thanks for the "Annual Message, and accompanying Documents, for 1850—51."

By the way, we see that the State Journal notices the arrival at Indianapolis, of a large lot of books, under the front of Senator Whitcomb. If these books are for distribution among the people, and we incline to the belief that they are, we really see no just cause for the censure against Mr. W., that the Journal's remarks on the subject would imply.

Hon. George McDuffie died in Camden, S. C. on the 27th ult.

## Democratic Convention.

Our friends in other parts of the District, we observe by the papers, are already aroused to the important subject of nominating a suitable Democratic candidate for Congress at the ensuing election. Of course we know not who will be the nominee, but as far as our individual preference is concerned, we hold up both hands for GRAHAM N. FITCH. We have watched his course closely while in Congress and must confess, that his attention to his duties—his able devotion to all that tended to the advancement of Western interests—and to those of his constituents, has placed us among his many admirers, throughout his District. However, let the Convention bring out whom they may, we'll go heart and hand for the nomination.

Plymouth is the place selected for the meeting of the Convention; the precise day we don't know—but it will be duly announced, when fixed upon by the Central Committee.

## Cincinnati Commercial.

We have just received from a friend in Cincinnati, a late No. of the above named paper. It is edited by GREENE CURTISS, Esq., shows great tact and industry, and is enjoying, as it deserves, a wide circulation. The Editor wields an able pen—his selections are judicious—the paper beautifully printed—and altogether it is one of the most interesting papers in the West. The other city papers "pitch into him" rather strong, occasionally, but Curtiss gives them as hard knocks as they send, and seems to "hold his own" as well as the best of 'em.

Walk up, friends: subscribe first for your County Paper—then send a Dollar for the *Commercial*. We know of no paper in the "Queen City of the West" to which we would rather "Pilot" the attention of all who want a Neutral journal, than to the Cincinnati *Commercial*.

## April Elections.

The following persons were elected in this (Centre) township, on Monday last. Inspector: William M. Dunham.

Constables: Uri Metcalfe, Jr., Albert Taylor, David Howe.

On the License Question, the vote was:

Against License,	116;
In favor of, and blanks,	65.

Majority against License, 51

## Our Removal from Rochester.

It is due to those of our Subscribers to the Rochester Republican, whom we were unable to see, personally, before we left, to state some of the reasons which induced us to remove our Press. 1st. One-third of our patronage was in this county, which would have been withdrawn from us, preparations having been already made to establish a Press here.

2d. The *Telegraph* affords us facilities Rochester did not possess.

3d. The County Printing is more valuable here than in Fulton county, and as to JOB-WORK and ADVERTISING—that is much better also.

4th. Our Subscription list is larger, and steadily increasing.

In connection with the above subject we would state, that our subscribers who now get the "Pilot" in Rochester, will receive their free of postage.

## Our Side Walks.

We notice that one of our citizens has been "mending his ways" by putting down a good substantial pavement opposite his residence. Glad to see it. But this is only the commencement of the good work. An Ordinance of our Town Trustees, (published in to-day's paper,) provides for further improvement in our streets, which will not only beautify our town, but prove a great convenience.

The reader will perceive that our paper is marked No. 13. This is done to preserve the connection regularly on with the numbers we published in Rochester, a great many continuing to take the *Pilot* who subscribed for our Paper, when it was called the *Republican*.

## Our Thanks

Are due to all who are now actively engaged in getting subscribers for us. Go on, gentlemen—we'll try to make the "Pilot" worthy of your effort.

## Keep it Before the People.

That our coats are off—sleeves rolled up—and all ready at a moments warning to execute JOB-WORK, neatly, with expedition, and at prices that no man who has a conscience can possibly object to.

## Gen. Scott.

We perceive, is on a tour south and west, on some mission connected with the Government. Whether the gallant old General is trying to "kill two birds with one stone," or not, his letter accepting the nomination for the Presidency, and the pomp and public pageantry which he allows his friends to make over him, at the different points he visits, certainly looks a good deal like it—and, possibly, might lead some folks to believe that his tour through the country, at this particular time, was "got up" for a particular occasion. The funniest part of this affair, is, that those Whig editors who lifted up their eyes in holy horror at the "unrighteous and damnable war" with Mexico, are now the very foremost in glorifying the man, who caused under his own eye, and under his own direction, the wholesale slaughters which the indomitable bravery of our soldiers brought upon that country. But expediency is the whig game now.—Our Whig friends seem to think that drums, fife and gun-powder are useful in more ways than one. They proved a substitute for principles in '48—how they will answer in '52, remains to be seen.

## The Candidates.

For nomination at the ensuing Whig Congressional Convention, will be, as far as we can learn: Schuyler Colfax, of South Bend, Daniel D. Pratt, of Logansport, and John B. Niles, of Laporte.

Should "Schuyler" unfortunately, be elected, his party in Indiana certainly will miss him. He has some sharp tilting occasionally in defending his opinions, but, right or wrong, his opponents always find in Mr. Colfax, "a foeman worthy of their steel."

"Render unto Caesar," &c. &c.

Persons holding our *Prospectus* with names attached, will please leave them at the "Pilot" Office immediately.

## The River.

At this point, has been on a high for a few days past, but is tapering off now to its old dimensions.

A fine horse, belonging to Mr. Robert Johnson, of Polk township, was killed last week while running off with the wagon. "Hold your horses."

Read the Town Ordinances in to-day's paper.

Subscribers' names, accompanied by the *Dimes*, in many cases, are coming in finely. Roll on the ball, friends; a good support is the very thing to make a good Paper.

Our streets for a few days past, have been quite lively. Farmer's are getting through with their Spring work. Our Merchants, too, sell goods so cheap, our country friends come a long way to trade here. They find it pays.

Squirrels are abundant in our woods just now, and in fine order. Who's in for a regular squirrel hunt?

Several of our Indiana Exchanges are out in a new dress. "Poor, but honest, is our motto."

Well written communications, in *Prose or Poetry*, are respectfully solicited for the "Plymouth Pilot."

W. L. Bents, who advertises his Tailoring Establishment in the *Pilot* this week, don't profess much medical skill but in cases of FITS, they say he's remarkably successful.

## A Duel—Almost.

Col. J. H. Lane and Col. E. Dumont, both of this State, went out to fight a duel a week or two since. Explanations were made—the "sober second thought" prevailed, and the duel was postponed indefinitely. Both parties, no doubt, were satisfied with the arrangement.

Some of our editorial brethren seem to take quite a deep interest in our fate since our removal from Rochester—the *Delphi Journal* among the number. If the editor of that paper will explain wherein lies the wit in his article on the subject, we will take pleasure, hereafter, in referring to it more particularly.

Marshall co. contains, 45,280 acres of Swamp lands, according to the Report made to the Governor.

There were only 200 candidates at the late Spring election in Cincinnati.

Marshall county, according to the late census, contains 5,348 inhabitants. Don't think us, greedy friends, but oughtn't we to have, at least, 700 subscribers, in a crowd like that?

Benjamin F. Wade has been elected U. S. senator from Ohio. Free Soiler!

## Editor's Table.

THE LADIES' KEPSAKE: Edited by Ashael Abbott: published monthly in N. York, at \$1 00 per annum. April No. just received. This work improves upon acquaintance. Contents—Mothers and Daughters of the Bible—The Silver Spoon—A True Story of Love and Death—Poetry.

COLONIZATION JOURNAL: Rev. J. B. Pinney Editor. This journal, as its title indicates, is devoted principally to the Colonization cause. The information it imparts relative to Liberia, and the Cause it advocates, is highly interesting. We wish the editor abundant success. Published in N. York city.—Single copies, 50 cents per annum: four copies \$1: thirty copies \$5: eighty copies \$10.

GRAHAM'S MAGAZINE—for May—is really a splendid number. The engravings are perfect gems of the Art. Graham appears indefatigable in his attempts to please his readers—his success is shown in his immense circulation.—His list of contributors embraces some of the ablest writers in our country, while his own pen is ever busy in adding interest to the Magazine. Published monthly, at \$3 per annum.

SARTAIN'S MAGAZINE—May No.—has been received, and with a hearty welcome. This beautiful Periodical—like wine—improves by age. It is now a universal favorite with all Magazine readers. The engravings, as usual, are uncommonly fine—its reading matter full of interest. Published in Philadelphia, at \$3 in advance, or \$4 if paid during the year.

THE DEMOCRATIC REVIEW—for March—is at hand. This able journal is now recognized among the Democracy of the Union as an able, faithful, and reliable exponent of their principles.—Two thousand Democrats, among them many of the most prominent in the Party, have borne testimony, over their own signatures, to the high value of this Magazine. Its literary merit—the elegance of its Portraits of distinguished men, which adorn each number, as well as the marvellous display of its Reading columns, render it richly worth the subscription price. T. P. Kettell, Editor: published monthly in N. York City—\$3 per annum in advance.

RAILROAD CELEBRATION.—The opening celebration of the Peru railroad, to Noblesville, on Tuesday last, was a grand affair. Every body was there, and as they all went to enjoy themselves they had a fine time of it. Three trains left this city in the morning, all crowded to their utmost. Two trains came down from Noblesville and returned, and the Bellefontaine and Madison train went up in the afternoon, and all returned in the evening. The ride was very pleasant—the road appears to be a good one, and especially that part on which Holman's superstructure is laid. The country through which it passes is new, mostly woods, but in a few years it will present a different appearance.

The time was spent by those who went up in the morning, in walking round, looking at the woman with three babies, attending the fair for the benefit of the Presbyterian Church, admiring the location and improvements of Noblesville, until the trains were ready to return, when there was a general rush for seats. The number of persons at Noblesville could not have been less than 5,000, and as we looked over the multitude, we thought what a fine list of subscribers they would make for the *Locomotive*, if they would all come up and "sign."

A number of amusing incidents occurred during the day, but hardly worthy of record—the funniest we saw was the fellow that took a dive, head foremost in to the mud hole. The day passed without accidents, for which great credit is due to the President, Conductors, and Engineers.—*Locomotive*.

A PERILOUS SITUATION.—We learn from passengers by the Steamer Ocean from Buffalo to Detroit, that on Wednesday or Thursday evening of last week the Steamer Baltimore, with a large load of passengers, got fast in the ice, between Buffalo and Black Rock, and night coming on, the officers thought they might remain there safely till morning. Under this impression all retired to their berths but in the course of the night, some of the passengers discovered that the boat was moving rapidly down stream, in the direction of the cataract below! The officers were immediately roused. All was excitement and consternation on board, and for a time the boat and her living freight seemed to be doomed.—Anchors, however, were immediately thrown overboard, and they fortunately checked the progress of the boat until steam could be raised in sufficient quantity to carry it beyond the reach of danger.

We learn that a day or two before, a man in attempting to cross the river in a skiff, got entangled with floating ice, and thus losing the power of directing his course, was carried over the Falls.

A negro lately fell out of the third story window of a house in New Orleans. Fortunately he lit upon his head and escaped unhurt. If he had lit upon his feet, the poor fellow might have broken his legs.

## EDITORIAL SUMMARY.

"Lively and gossiping—stored with the treasures of a tattling world, and with a spice of mirth, too."

Hon. Henry A. Ellsworth, as agent for an Eastern company, has entered 28,163 acres of land in this State, 5000 acres of which are to be put in cultivation this year.

The World's Fair, in 1852, is to be held on Governor's Island, near New York city.

Three cent pieces are being coined, to provide for the cheap postage bill.

The Oregon Spectator says that Franklin Little, of Washington City, and Charles P. Ludwig, have started home, having made upwards of \$12,000 by blacksmithing in Oregon, in a little less than ten months.

The Hon. J. W. Davis of Indiana, is recommended in the Mississippi, as the Democratic candidate for the Presidency. The editor thinks he will secure the entire southern vote.

The new constitution of New Hampshire has been submitted to the people, and totally defeated.

The number of foreigners naturalized in N. York, during the past year, was 1089.

Stock to the amount of \$7,000, has been taken in a plank road from Logansport to Jasper in this State.

A dispatch from Washington says that the Hon. Thomas Corwin is recovering from his late dangerous illness.

James A. Graham has been arrested in Easton, O., charged with committing a murder in Illinois eleven years ago. Murders will out.

Capt. Elias Murray, of Huntington, Ia., is Superintendent of the Indian Affairs east of the Rocky Mountains and North of New Mexico.

The public printing for the past year, in California, amounted to \$134,92 67.

The question of removing the county seat from Covington to Chambersburg, was to have been decided at the April election, by the people of Fountain county.

The Quicksilver mines in California, have produced for the past year nearly \$5,000,000.

Tom Hyer, the celebrated boxer, offers to fight any man for \$10,000 a side. Is there no law to prevent such a brutal exhibition?

The proprietor of the Mount Vernon estate offers to sell the Government 200 acres of the land, (including Gen. Washington's tomb) for \$200,000.

Mr. Channey Jerome, of New Haven, Conn. is now manufacturing clocks, with brass works, which he sells at wholesale for sixty cents, at retail \$1 00, and warrants them to keep correct time.

The convention of colored people recently held in New York, expressed the opinion, that the only way to elevate the negro race, is for them to marry among the whites. That's rich.

John S. Skinner, the talented editor of "The Plough, the Loom, and the Anvil," died recently in Baltimore.

Robbing the mails, now a days, don't seem to pay. Under Uncle Sam's special agent system, the old fellow nabbs the depredators generally, before they have hardly time to count the money!

The rate of interest in Wisconsin is fixed at 12 per cent.

Hamilton Fish has been elected U. S. Senator from New York. The election is said to have been illegal, and will be opposed when he attempts to take his seat.

The wheat crop in Ohio is said to be very promising. Southern and Western Michigan not so good—but from New York and Wisconsin, the reports are very favorable.

Hon. Henry Clay has arrived at Havana. His health is much improved. Mr. C. was received with marked attention.

It is said that Barrum and Jenny Lind will never quarrel, because the former is always "getting" the latter for giving.

The Editor of the Law Magazine estimates the number of lawyers in the U. S. at 2,971: being one to every 1500 inhabitants. A w!t!

An attempt, it is said, will be made in England to pass a law compelling physicians to write their prescriptions in English. We second that motion.

The man who never took a Newspaper, has removed to Illinois. He was surprised to hear the other day, that Gen. Washington was dead, and that gold had been discovered in California!

Autambon, the great American Otholologist, is dead.

The Kentucky Legislature has passed a bill prohibiting free negroes from holding slaves in that State.

Major M. M. Noah, a distinguished editor in New York, died in that city on Saturday last.

Gen. Chaplain, charged with decoying negroes away from their masters in Maryland, has forfeited his bail—\$19,000.

Some of the Gamblers in New York city lately attempted to bribe certain members of the N. York legislature, to vote against the bill to suppress Gambling—and succeeded in winning over two or three in the interesting game. The affair is under investigation.

One reason given why the Londoners omitted the use of wood in constructing the building for the World's Fair, is that there would be so many Yankees there they were afraid they would whistle it down.

The Baltimore Sun, of the 5th inst., states that there will be a weekly mail from New York to California after that time.

The "Republican" having given Rochester a sufficient start to insure its future prosperity, is about moving to Plymouth, with a view of giving that town a boost, whence it will doubtless continue its peregrinations, until it gets all the votes in northern Indiana, for election up. It's proper or is "going about doing good."

No sir—see! Plymouth wants no "boost" from us. Nature has given to our town a "boost" in the beauty of its location—its advantages as to water-power—and in the richness of the soil throughout our county. The citizens of our town are availing themselves of these advantages—as its rapid improvement testifies—while our country friends are causing the rich soil, but lately in the wilderness, "to rejoice and blossom as the rose."

The Miami County Sentinel says the Hon. A. J. Harlan will be a candidate for re-election to Congress, should his constituents desire it.

## California News.

Two Weeks Later from California.

The steamship Ohio with the mails from California, Oregon and the Sandwich Islands, arrived at New York on Saturday morning, March 22. The Ohio brought one hundred and fifty passengers; also, \$300,000 in gold dust from California, and 15,000 in coin from New Orleans.

Since the departure of the last steamer for Panama the Indian difficulties have been on the increase, rather than otherwise, and murders, robberies and reports of hostilities, collisions and battles have been rife.

Efforts have been made in the Legislature to raise funds and State troops to carry on the war. One of the Governors aids, J. Neely Johnson, Esq., has been despatched by his excellency to the scene of disturbances, to act on the part of the State Authority has been given to raise a force of volunteers.

The Commissioners have also left Stockton with an escort of some hundred of U. S. troops, and it is confidently believed that they will be able to form treaties with the mountain tribes, and thus give quiet to the country.

The weather has continued dry, and for winter wonderfully warm. The fear now is that we shall have no more rain, the consequences of which will be severe disappointment to those engaged in the dry diggings, and perhaps fatal to the stock and agricultural interests.

Our Legislature has been battling for a number of things, but has won few victories. Leg. routing for the office of United States Senator, for establishing the further seat of Government; for ousting each other out of their legislative saddles, &c., have been the chief public occupations of our legislators.

They have fixed upon next Monday as the day to elect a Senator to the seat of C. J. Fremont after the 4th of March next. Some believe Mr. King will be elected, some Mr. Hyatt, and others are having growing faith in Mr. Fremont's success, in whose favor there has been an unbounded reaction on the part of many.

The health of the State is of the most glorious description. There are scarcely any deaths or sickness in any part of the State.

To excitement about the gold bluffs has not died out, but much subsided. It remains for the companies engaged there to prove whether the amount of gold there can be made profitable to them.

The question of divorce laws has occupied no little attention of the Legislature and of the people. How it will terminate in the Legislature cannot yet be ascertained. There is a strong feeling both in and out of that body against all law granting divorce.

Business, which has been excessively dull, seems at last reviving.

Our State laws having been found inadequate to the wants of some localities, the people have been dispensing justice under the rule of ad hoc Lynch.

The Legislature has passed the loan bill for raising a loan not to exceed \$500,000. It is not very probable that anything can be negotiated under this or any other act, unless some means are found to raise the present credit of the State.

Not a flake of snow has fallen the past winter at Nevada City, or Rough and Ready. The mountains contiguous are covered only with a light fall, which is fast melting under the influence of a bright sun.

Rich diggings are said to have been discovered near Bar river. The gold is taken from decomposed granite, near Steep Hollow so says the Times. The Times tells of thirteen miners who have been working for a year on Feather river on Long's bar, and have averaged \$3150. The most made by any one person is \$5,440. Continuous labor is the only surety of success in the placers.

At Redding's diggings the miners have not made more than 3 per cent, and are at present not making more than their board.

At Spanish bar middle fork of American river the miners are said to have been successful.

The whole State has been agitated by the decisions the Supreme Court has lately made about land titles, and indignation of the people has been felt with the South and East.

A bill is before the Legislature making all Alcalde grants proof of possession.

John Barclay, of New York, died near Coloma, on the 29th of January, in an encounter with Alex. Hall of Missouri. He has left a wife and two children in Patterson, New Jersey.

It will be remembered that we had sometime ago reports of the discovery of very rich silver mines beyond the city of Nevada. This like many of the gold stories appears to have been sheer humbug. The excitement about the Gold Bluffs appears to have pretty much subsided though we notice an occasional departure of a vessel for the locality. That there is abundance of gold there, is without doubt, but the expense of extracting is probably too great for the business to be profitable.

It is reported that there had been an aggr. between the Indians and the miners at and near the bluffs, in which several of the former and two of the latter were killed and 4 or 5 wounded. Seven warriors of the Indians were brought down to the bluffs where they were shot.

Doctor H. Hammond, of the United States Army, died at the residence of Major S. Well, Benicia, on Thursday last.

At a public sale in San Francisco, on the 15th ult., property was sold for the sum of eleven thousand nine hundred and seventy-five dollars. One year ago, the present owner and occupant refused sixty thousand dollars for it.